

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Haiti

a. Haitian authorities yesterday asked Pan American to provide 45 places on today's outgoing flight for asylees. Release of this number would, by our embassy's rough count, empty the embassies of refugees.

b. Haitian foreign minister Chalmers, in New York for the UN proceedings, asked to see Ambassador Stevenson yesterday to complain of US misunderstanding of Haiti's government. He made much of an alleged inability of US representatives in Port-au-Prince to establish rapport with a "middle-class" government. Chalmers said he would be in Washington to see "responsible" officials on his way home.

c. The Trujillo family contingent may have departed Haiti. Our embassy has received a report to this effect but there is as yet no corroboration.

2. South Vietnam

a. Further disorders are expected today in Hue, 400 miles north of Saigon, where government troops clashed Wednesday with demonstrators, leaving some dozen dead or wounded.

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b. The violence developed when government forces decided that a large public gathering in connection with a Buddhist religious holiday was taking on an anti-government cast.

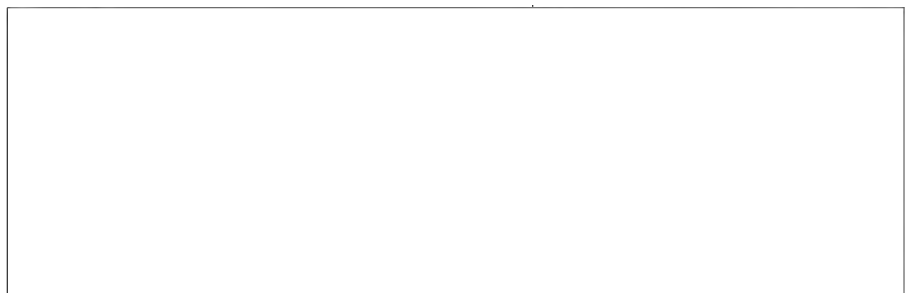
c. Whether or not anti-government feeling on the part of the local population was the cause of the outbreak, it is the result. There is, in addition, a religious factor arising out of Buddhist-Catholic animosities.

d. Diem's brother Can runs his satrapy over the northern part of the country from Hue.

e. The US civilian and military community in Hue has been placed on alert status in anticipation of new violence.

3. Moscow spy trial

a. The courtroom doors have been reopened for today's session. Sentencing is expected to take place tomorrow.



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4. Colombia

a. The government could find itself hard put in dealing with the demonstrations ex-dictator Rojas Pinilla is organizing for today.

b. Rojas now claims that he can bring out upwards of 50,000 in Bogota. This ambitious figure may derive from pledges of support given by the Communists and other extremist groups exploiting Rojas in their efforts to unseat the Valencia government.

c. A turnout of these dimensions would leave the government's security forces stretched thin. Rural violence has drawn off several army units from the capital area.

5. Cuba

a. The Transbalt has apparently completed unloading at Mariel.

b. photography showed the addition of a small number of tents

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at the Cuban encampments near the Soviet installation at Holguin.

c. Photography at the other Soviet sites, where readable, revealed no significant change.

NOTES

- A. Argentina Signs appeared yesterday that the government is undergoing still another cabinet crisis. There has been nothing to indicate that the threat of a military coup has been revived. As before, however, the issue turns on what can and should be done to restrict the electoral potential of real or suspected Peronists.

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- D. Bolivia The Communists and the left in general are beginning to smart from the effects of President Paz's moves to reduce their influence in peasant and labor organizations.

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the Communist youth organization group earlier this week discussed plans for violence against the US embassy as a means of embarrassing Paz.

- E. Communist China - India The Chinese Communists, in their brainwashing of prisoners taken in the border war, worked hard to drive a wedge between Gurkha and Indian soldiers. Chinese Communist tactics included preferential treatment for the Gurkhas and appeals to ethnic affinity. The objective is to attract Nepal.

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F. Syria The government's security forces were able yesterday to contain the pro-Nasir demonstrations in Aleppo. There are no reports this morning of new trouble.

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